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1. EMBASSY IS MOST GRATEFUL FOR COMMENTS AND GUIDANCE CONTAINED
REFTEL A.

2. WE ARE SENDING THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO U SHWE THAN, DIRECTOR,
PEOPLES POLICE FORCE. BEGIN TEXT:

I GREATLY APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE MINISTER
OF HOME AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS AND DISCUSS OUR MUTUAL INTEREST
IN SUCCESSFUL NARCOTICS CONTROL IN BURMA. WE CONTINUE TO BE
APPRECIATIVE OF THE NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION EFFORTS OF THE
BURMESE GOVERNMENT THAT CONTRIBUTE SO IMPORTANTLY TO OUR MUTUAL
INTERESTS. AS YOU WILL RECALL, THE MINISTER AND I AGREED THAT WE
WOULD PURSUE OUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON UTILIZATION OF
US-PROVIDED AIRCRAFT WITH YOU.

WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST AS PART OF OUR ONGOING EXCHANGE OF
INFORMATION ON NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN THE GOLDEN
TRIANGLE THE FOLLOWING DATA, FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS
YEAR, CONCERNING US-PROVIDED EQUIPMENT:

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A. TOTAL HOURS FLOWN, BY AIRCRAFT TYPE, AND HOURS FLOWN FOR
(1) ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY RELATED TO NARCOTICS CONTROL, SUCH AS
THOSE AGAINST REFINERY INSTALLATIONS, CARAVANS, OPPPY FIELDS,
ETC., (2) ACTIVITIES INCIDENTALLY RELATED TO NARCOTICS CONTROL,
ALONG WITH AN INDICATION OF HOW THEY ARE SO RELATED; (3) TRAINING,
MAINTENANCE, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS.

B. MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY RATE (EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF AIRCRAFT FLYABLE DURING A ONE-MONTH PERIOD).

C. GENERAL LOCATION OF THE AIRCRAFT.

IT WOULD GREATLY ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN JUSTIFYING OUR EXPENDITURES UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM TO THE CONGRESS IF THIS INFORMATION COULD BE PROVIDED IN THE FUTURE ON A QUARTERLY BASIS BEGINNING IN OCTOBER.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT AS WE INCREASE THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NARCOTICS MATTERS EVEN GREATER COOPERATION IN THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT WILL BE POSSIBLE, A RESULT OF WHICH WILL REDOUND TO THE BENEFIT OF BOTH THE AMERICAN AND BURMESE PEOPLES.

/S/ AMBASSADOR BEAN. END TEXT.

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